

OCTOBER 2015

# 4-H NEWSLETTER



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	1
LARGE & SMALL MARKET ANNUAL MEETINGS SET STEER WEIGH IN	2
LG MARKET RULES CHANGES LG MARKET PROJECT SIGNUP	3
SMAA PROJECT SIGNUP SMAA RULES CHANGES	4
ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE LEADER'S BANQUET	5
COUNTY AWARDS "WE STARVE HUNGER"	6
KETTUNEN CENTER AND MSU EVENTS CALENDAR	7
BEYOND THE BARN NEW CLUBS	8
RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS	9
STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL	10
CAPITAL EXPERIENCE AND POSSIBLE NEW CLUB	11
CALENDAR OF EVENTS- ANI- MAL SCIENCE	12 & 13

Prepared by: Lori Cargill,  
4-H Program Coordinator  
&  
Toni Van Bergen, 4-H Secretary

October 4th-10th is National 4-H week. It is a great time to share your experiences with 4-H. Encourage those who may be interested in joining by letting them know what it is all about. They can do any project from arts & crafts to shooting sports to animals. Age restrictions may apply. If new members are interested in animals they can little buddy if they do not have facilities to raise their own. There is also financial help available through Youth Council for those who can not afford the annual participation fee. This past year our Oceana County 4-H program grew by 16 new members. Spread the word and let's continue to grow our Oceana County 4-H Program!

## **RETURNING MEMBERS—It's time to re-enroll in 4-H!**

Please return to <https://mi.4honline.com> to re-enroll and submit payment to the Hart MSUE office ASAP, especially if you are in a market project. Your 4-H enrollment makes you eligible for 2015/2016 Local, State and National 4-H opportunities. It will also keep you on the mailing list for this newsletter and e-mails with program updates. Your **PROJECT** application (for market animals or horses) is a separate Oceana County form. These applications get you signed up for a specific project within 4-H. Please be timely in submitting your annual enrollment fee, \$10.00 per youth (maximum of \$30.00 per family) payable to **Michigan State University**, cash or you can request a scholarship for your fee. You WILL NOT be eligible for project sign-ups until both the online and payment portions are complete.

## MARKET ANNUAL MEETINGS

### LARGE MARKET ANNUAL MEETING:

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Shelby Cafetorium at Shelby Middle School.**

If you are a member of the Large Market Animal project, or are moving up to a large animal, please make every effort to attend. Checks will be distributed, elections will be held, project rules and changes will be reviewed and applications to participate will be available to pickup. If you are picking up a check from the auction, remember to bring your signed buyers slip. **No slip = no check.** If you can not make the meeting or forget your buyer's slip, you may pick your check up in the office anytime after the meeting.

We are looking for youth to run for the committee. We need YOUTH NOMINEES for beef, swine and sheep. Anyone that is interested from any of these project areas needs to let us know so we can add you to the ballot. Market Livestock usually has 6 meetings a year. Serving on the committee allows you to have your voice heard regarding decisions impacting your animal project and also the market livestock program as a whole. We are also in need of ADULT VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested please call us at 873-2129 or email [vanberg2@anr.msu.edu](mailto:vanberg2@anr.msu.edu)

### SMALL & JUNIOR MARKET ANNUAL MTG.

**Monday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Hart Community Center, 407 State Street**  
*(across from the MSUE office in Hart)*

We will review fair statistics and rule changes, elect committee members and distribute checks. Remember that you must have your signed buyer's slip in order to pick up your check. **No slip = no check.** If you can not make the meeting, or forget your buyer's slip, you may pick it up anytime after the meeting.

The Committee is seeking ADULT VOLUNTEERS interested in running for the committee. We also need YOUTH NOMINEES from beef, poultry and rabbits and/or goats to run for committee spots. There are usually 4-6 meetings a year. Serving on the committee is your opportunity to have your voice heard when decisions are made about your project, the auction, etc. If you are interested in being added to the ballot please call us at 873-2129 or email [vanberg2@anr.msu.edu](mailto:vanberg2@anr.msu.edu).

This meeting counts as 1 non-club point for small/junior market members (it does not count for large market). ***If you are moving up to Large Market this year, you will want to make sure to attend their meeting as well.***

**\*\*\*Remember that the MSU EXTENSION STAFF is here to support the Committees. You as committee members, and the officers of these committees, make the rules, guidelines, etc. that the 4-H program enforces. If you want a say in what is happening in YOUR programs, get your name on the ballot!\*\*\***

---

### STEER WEIGH-IN & TAG RECORDING DATE

The steer weigh-in takes place in the Beef Building at the Oceana County Fairgrounds. It will be held on Sat., Dec. 5th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Your steer will be weighed to get your starting weight, tag number scanned & picture taken. If you personally can not attend, you must inform the office of the name of your sibling or parent bringing the animal in your absence. This is worth 1 non-club point for steer and feeder calf members.



## **LARGE MARKET PROJECT RULE CHANGES & CLARIFICATIONS**

Following are the project rules changes voted on by the Market Livestock Committee for the 2015/2016 4-H year.

### **Project changes:**

1. Lamb weight requirements will change to 90-185 pounds.
2. Under Non-Club/Club Points the wording was added "if these nine (9) points are not achieved you are not allowed to bring your animal as a registered 4-H market animal to the Fair".
3. Enrollments/Reenrollments, with fee, must be complete **PRIOR** to the Saturday of project signups. Enrollments are done online at <https://mi.4honline.com>.

### **Project Clarifications:**

1. The following wording has been added "Any animal (sold out of the barn) is a private sale and should be handled between the 4-Her and buyers. If assistance is needed from the Extension Office, these transactions will be handled on Friday morning following the auction. As a sale "Out of the Barn", the buyer will not receive credit for purchasing that year, a ribbon or picture. This is a private sale".

### **Non Club Points – Addition & Clarification:**

1. #14 Participate in White Lake Relay for Life will be deleted. If anyone is interested in getting a group together for this event it would fall under #23 on the list.
2. #30 "Mason County Beef Show Participation" will now include "or observation." (this is the Lakeshore Beef Classic)

---

## **MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT SIGNUP (Note the date, second Saturday in Nov.)**

Market Livestock Animal Signups will be held **Saturday, November 14, 2015**. You must have your applications to participate filled out with **ALL** signatures. Applications will not be accepted if missing any signatures. You also need your 4-H enrollment completed online ([mi.4honline.com](http://mi.4honline.com)) and paid for (\$10/ youth, \$30 maximum for families, scholarships available) before you will be allowed to turn in your application to participate. *If you can not make it, you may have a parent, sibling or Grandparent submit your forms.*

The order of sign ups this year will be:

**LAMB:** 8:00-8:30 A.M.

**BEEF:** 8:30-9:00 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

(must be 4-H age 10 or older to participate in the Steer or Little Buddy Steer program)

**SWINE:** 9:00-9:30 A.M. (including Little Buddy)

As always, project enrollments are first come, first served. There are limited stalls/pens at the Fair.  
(60 swine, 36 lambs, 48 steer)

---

## **SMAA/JUNIOR MARKET SIGNUPS**

The Small Market and Junior Market Project Registration signup will be held on **Saturday, November 14, 2015** following Large Market. They will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. These signups are on a first come, first served basis. This enrollment period is only for those planning to sell a small animal in the auction. 4-H youth who only want to bring an animal to show at the Fair, will be notified how to do so at a later date, no open pens reservations will be accepted on this date, this is for market animals only. A 4-H member may sign up for one animal at this time. If you can not attend sign-ups, a parent, sibling or Grandparent may submit your paperwork for you. A 4-Her will have until January 29th to drop without penalty. Beginning February 1st, members may sign up for a second animal if they wish, pending available space. If you drop out after January 29th, you will NOT be eligible to sell in the Small Market or Junior Markets the following year. You may request a meeting with the SMAA committee if there are extenuating circumstances.

Following are the maximum number of animals per species that can be accepted due to space at the Oceana County Fair. There is not a waiting list.

Chickens- 10	Turkeys- 6	Feeder Calf/Young Beef * -18
		<i>* you must be at least 4-H age 7 to bring your own feeder calf</i>
Rabbits- 4	Goats- 6	Ducks- 4
		Geese- 4

## **SMAA/JR.MARKET PROECT RULE CHANGES/CLARIFICATIONS & PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES:**

### **Project Changes**

1. #9 on page 5 will be changed to read the same as the bylaws "The annual meeting date shall be set by the committee to be held when sufficient funds are available to pay the participants".
2. The goat limit was increased from 4 to 8.
3. The feeder calf/young beef limit was increased from 15 to 18.
4. Any animal "Sold out of the Barn" is a private sale and should be handled between the 4-Her and buyer. As a sale "out of the Barn" the buyer will not receive credit for purchasing that year, a ribbon or a picture. This is a private sale".
5. Enrollments/Reenrollments, with fee, must be complete **PRIOR** to the Saturday of project signups. Enrollments are done online at <https://mi.4honline.com>.

### **NonClub Point List for SMAA**

1. # 24 will be changed to read "Mason County Beef show Participation or Observation." (this would be the Lakeshore Beef Classic)

### **Proposed ByLaw Changes:**

1. Page 2, under the heading of Officers. **Delete Letter D** as an advisor was listed when the program started to get a committee together for more than 3 years that had knowledge of the program. **This is no longer needed.**

### ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE



Holladay's Saddle Up for Fall Benefit for St Jude's Children's Hospital is scheduled for **Saturday, October 17, 2015**. It will include a ride-a-thon type trail ride (must bring your own horse for this) and hayrides, games, bouncy house, crafts, food, silent auction and pony rides. Cost will be \$10 for food and fun. Pledge sheets are available for those who wish to do the ride. The rider or person raising the most amount in pledges/donations will win any item off the silent auction table before the auction starts. Call Michelle at (231)742-0414 for additional info. You can also check out their Facebook page to see what is on the silent auction, etc. at

*Holladay's Saddle up for Fall - St. Jude benefit ride*

Each ride will be mapped out and have trail guides with the group. They are primarily at your own pace. The walk-only riders will leave after the larger group so faster horses won't run up behind anyone who might be a beginner. The Long ride will be between 10-15 miles and take about 3-4 hours at a walk/trot. This ride has a river crossing which will be optional.

Crossing the river shortens the ride by about 2-3 miles.

The walk-only ride will be approximately two hours.

Michelle Holladay is in need of help for this event. It is a big event that needs many hands to make it a success. If you can help in any way from walking horses, face painting, watching the bouncy house, keeping trash picked up, etc. please call Michelle at 742-0414 asap.

This is worth 1 nonclub point if you call Michelle ahead of time. But even better, you will be helping to support a great cause!

### LEADER'S BANQUET



The 2015 Leader's Banquet is being held **Monday, November 2nd** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Shelby Optimist Club in Shelby, MI. Invitations will be mailed out to those who were active leaders and resource leaders for the 2015 4-H year. This year's theme is Spring Fling! We hope for a great turn out. Thanks to Trudy Sibley, Ann Marie Overla and Diane Cole for planning, decorating and ensuring that this event is always a good time!

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council will present a check to the Crystal Valley Care Fund for the amount of \$1250.66 the monies they raised during the yard sale in July.

Thank you to Trudy Sibley, Kathy Carter, Karen Pankow and ALL of those who donated their time to spend the week at the Fairgrounds organizing and running this event. A special thank you to Trudy who volunteered every day to make sure this fundraiser was a success.

If you would like to help with next year's yard sale/bake sale call the Extension office to be added to the committee.



## 4-H MEMBER COUNTY MEDAL/AWARDS



**WHO:** All 2015 4-H Members and their Families

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm

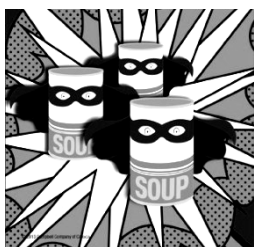
**WHERE:** First Baptist Church of Hart, 3258 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave

**WHAT:** Guest Speaker, Awards, Dessert Reception



This ceremony is to recognize those being presented with county project medals, youth awards, HDC High Point and more. This year the banquet will provide an opportunity for the 4-H community to work together to support a local food pantry, Bread of Life, through donations. Tpr. Daniel Thomas, Community Service Trooper for the Michigan State Police will be the Keynote Speaker for the event and share Safety Tips for Halloween.

*We hope you all join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the 2015 4-H year!*



**Please bring food and personal care donations  
as well as a finger food to share.**

*As you arrive at the event, add your donations to the  
collection and take a Hunger Hero photo at our photo  
booth, capes and masks provided!*



## Oceana's Bread of Life Food Pantry

Run by St. Gregory's, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph's and St. Vincent's Parishes, the Bread of Life Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 3-5 pm. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays are also a baby pantry with diapers and wipes. They regularly serve 60-70 families, representing an average of 300 individuals. The Pantry is staffed by volunteers who pack food, pick up food from Feeding America, distribute food, stock shelves, and keep records.

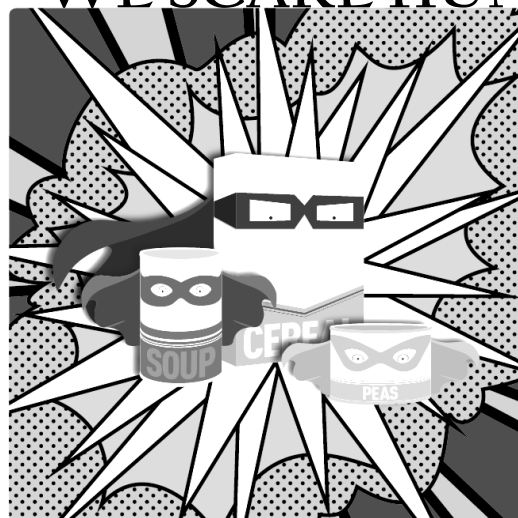
### What are the Greatest Needs?

#### **FOOD WITH HIGH NUTRITIONAL VALUE**

- ◆ Ziploc and Freezer Bags
- ◆ Canned Meat
- ◆ Cereal/Oatmeal
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Soup
- ◆ Diapers/Wipes
- ◆ Personal Care Items
  - ◇ Toilet Paper
  - ◇ Deodorant
  - ◇ Shampoo/Body Wash
  - ◇ Feminine Care

- ◆ **Volunteers of any age!**

## **Join Oceana 4-H as WE SCARE HUNGER**



**Learn more about fighting hunger locally at:**

<http://www.weday.com/we-schools/campaigns/we-scare-hunger/>

## **4-H Volunteer Training Kettunen Center Workshops**

September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016



### **2015**

Oct. 9 - Oct. 11: Michigan 4-H Rabbit, Cavy and Poultry Workshop

Oct. 17 - Oct. 18: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing and Textiles Workshop

Oct. 24 - Oct. 25: 4-H Proud Equestrians Program New Instructor Training and Instructor Update

### **2016**

Jan. 8 - Jan. 10: 4-H Horse Judges and Show Managers Conference

Jan. 30 - Jan. 31: 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Feb. 6 - Feb. 7: 4-H Winterfest

Feb. 19 - Feb. 20: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Feb. 20 - Feb. 21: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

February 26-28 Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop

Mar. 11 - Mar. 13: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

**You can read descriptions on the above workshops and learn more about what they involved at:**

**[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4\\_h\\_volunteer\\_training\\_workshop\\_schedule](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule)**

*Make sure you bookmark the above link to the workshops. We also send links out to each individual workshop as registration opens via email and Facebook so please make sure we have your most up to date information.*

Workshop fees for Oceana County 4-H Volunteers are paid by the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council. Active Oceana County 4-H youth members must pay up front and are then **reimbursed 100% of the fee** once they return and share what they learned with their club, another club or the Oceana County 4-H Youth Council at their monthly meeting. If you carpool, mileage is reimbursed.

Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities.

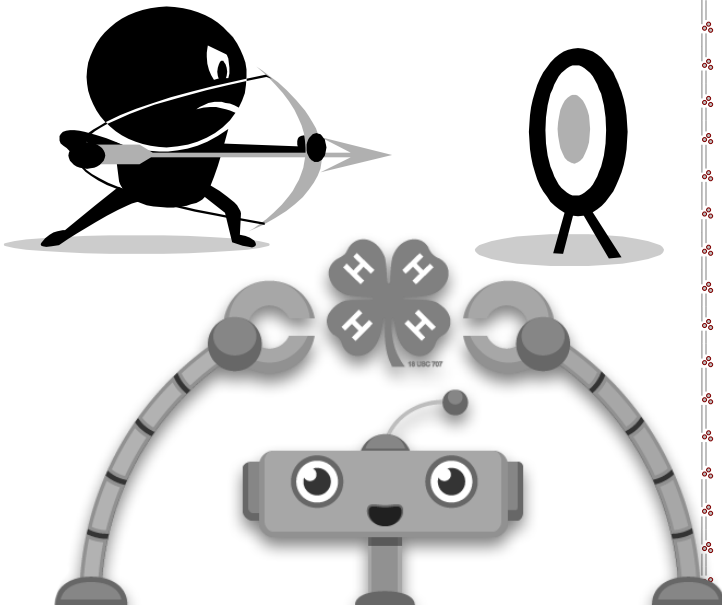
### **MSU Events**

November 15	MSU Horseman's Association Horse Show, MSU Pavilion
December 11-13	MJLS Winter Classic Beef Show, MSU Pavilion
January 8-10	MI Sheep Breeders Convention, Lansing
January 30	State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show, MSU Pavilion
January 29-31	Green & White Youth Event and Open Hog Show, MSU Pavilion
Feb 5-6	4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest, MSU Pavilion
Feb 6	MQHA Tack sale, MSU Pavilion
February 19-21	MSU Spartan Stampede Rodeo, MSU Pavilion
March 11-13	MI Horse Expo, MSU Pavilion
March 11-13	4-H Dairy Conference, Beechpoint Camp, Allegan
March 10	4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show, MSU Pavilion
March 16	Pattern O Rama – Warm Up Horse Show, MSU Pavilion
April 1-3	Michigan Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion
April 23	Small Animals Day, MSU Pavilion
April 23	State 4-H Goat Expo, MSU- Anthony Hall

***\*\*This is just a partial listing, see enclosed Animal Science 2016 Calendar of Events for complete list\*\****



# 4-H BEYOND THE BARN



Oceana County 4-H is seeking  
adult volunteers willing to assist  
youth in learning about:

**ARCHERY**

**FISHING**

**ROBOTICS**

If you know of someone willing to  
share their time with Oceana  
County youth, please put them in  
touch with the Extension Office.



## Sign Up Today!!!

### OC SharpShooters

The Oceana County Sharp Shooters, Shooting Sports Club, has a limited number of spots available. You must be 9 years old or older to participate in this club. If interested please contact Jim Gray at (231) 873-4548

### Bella's Bouncing Buddies

Oceana's 4-H Dog Club, Bella's Bouncing Buddies, has space available for new members. The club works on Obedience, Agility, and Rally Skills with their animals. Contact Nancy Kopusky for details about club expectations at 231-873-2747

### Shelby Stitches

Join Shelby Stitches, Oceana's 4-H Sewing club, to practice your skills with quilting, home décor and apparel sewing. You'll also put your new skills to use with service projects. Call Kathy Grantz at 231-861-5472 to learn more!

### JOHN SAYLES VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is presented annually in memory of John Sayles, 4-H volunteer and parent. John was willing to learn, willing to help, a leader, motivated, humble, modest, and showed kindness to others.

Candidates are current 4-H youth, 4-H volunteer, or a 4-H parent. Nomination forms are available in the office or can be emailed to you. Nominations are **due October 13th by 5:00 pm** to the Extension Office.

The recipient will be recognized at the Awards Banquet and in the local paper and 4-H newsletter. The qualities for nomination are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship.



# 4-H Scholarships and Recognition

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCEANA COUNTY 2015/2016 AMBASSADORS

We would like to congratulate our new 4-H Ambassadors

**Cody Alvesteffer, Kaylee Herrygers and Haley Mast**

We would also like to thank **Cassie Holladay and Cheyenne Kalfsbeek** for a job well done representing Oceana County 4-H as Ambassadors this past year.

## Recognize an important 4-H Volunteer in your life

The Oceana County 4-H Youth Council is pleased to announce 5 new awards recognizing the service of our volunteers and parents. Nominate the people who make 4-H so great by **October 13th!** Award Recipients will be announced at the Leader's Banquet Monday, November 2nd. Nomination Paperwork is available at the MSUE office. Contact Toni or Lori for details.

- ♦ **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Recognition for dedication to the 4-H Program through active service.
- ♦ **SERVICE AWARD** Recognition for service to the Oceana County 4-H Programs in 2014-2015
- ♦ **MENTOR AWARD** Recognition for impact in a 4-H member's life above and beyond volunteer expectations. Must be nominated by a 4-H Youth Member.
- ♦ **HORIZON AWARD** Recognition for demonstrating successful participation in a new program area or event.
- ♦ **SPORTSMANSHIP** Recognition for exemplifying the MI 4-H definition of a good sport by demonstrating respect for animals (if applicable), respect for opponents, respect for the traditions of the sport, and respect for others.



## 4-H SENIORS!

### Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship

*Award amount:* Varies, two to four given annually

*Who can apply:* Those who will be college freshmen in Fall 2015. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need.

### Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

*Award amount:* \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given.

*Who can apply:* 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

**[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_scholarships](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships)**

If you would like assistance writing about your 4-H experience in a narrative form or need information regarding your participation in Oceana County 4-H programs, contact the MSU Extension office at 231-873-2129 or email [cargil10@anr.msu.edu](mailto:cargil10@anr.msu.edu)



**WATCH FOR UPDATES and APPLICATIONS COMING SOON  
FOR STATE 4-H AWARDS—AGES 12-19**

You can view the many possible awards at:  
[http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards\\_scholarships/4-h\\_recognition\\_program](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_recognition_program)

## **STATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

4-H Youth ages 15-19 apply now to serve on the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council. This is a statewide leadership opportunity that allows youth to connect with 4-H'ers across Michigan and have a voice in Michigan 4-H programs and events. Apply by November 1 online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYLC2016>

The Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council is a statewide leadership opportunity for youth ages 15-19. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a state committee of MSUE staff. Council members are representatives of the Michigan 4-H Program promoting 4-H at various events; planning, conducting and evaluating national, state, regional, county leadership programs and serving as role models to other youth. Council terms are two years.

**Qualifications:** Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2016 can apply for a council position. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed the previous year of 4-H work (e.g. 4-H involvement for at least 2 years). Applicants should have an interest in leadership and able to commit time to the completion of SYLC activities. Candidates should be selected by a state committee on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by MSU Extension Staff and volunteers.

**Meetings:** The Council meets monthly through zoom online video conferencing and will hold at least 2 in-person meetings in conjunction with other state 4-H events. Attendance is strongly encouraged at the 4-H Teen Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular (Kettunen Center, January) and 4-H Exploration Days (MSU Campus, June).

**SYLC activities include:** promoting 4-H through state and local activities, providing youth voice on 4-H program and curriculum development, training in public speaking, advocacy, and leadership skills. Optional opportunity to represent Michigan in attendance at National 4-H Conference, Washington DC (April 2016 or 2017).

**There is no cost to apply.** Some scholarships may be available to off-set travel expenses to attend face to face meetings and events.

**How to apply:** Interested youth should complete electronic survey which will serve as their application. Applicants must also select two adults, one being their 4-H Program Coordinator, to complete a reference. It will be the applicant's responsibility to distribute reference form information to their selected individuals. References will also be submitted electronically, with links being provided at the conclusion of this survey.

**The SYLC application window will close on November 1, 2015.** Selected applicants will be contacted by SYLC advisors to arrange time for an interview following the closing date.

# 4-H Capitol Experience

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Attendees will:

- Understand the responsibilities of a citizen
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities
- Explore various careers in public policy
- Attend bill writing session
- Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government.

Simulations and activities are incorporated to reinforce and apply what is learned about government. Teens leave the conference with the charge to share what they have learned and get involved with other leaders. There are scholarship opportunities available for 4-H Capitol Experience to help pay to attend. If you are 14 or older and interested, please speak with Lori Cargill, 4-H Coordinator, at the office or [cagil10@anr.msu.edu](mailto:cagil10@anr.msu.edu).

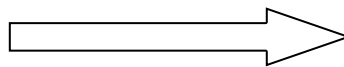


## Curious about how to turn your market check from

THIS

into

THIS?!



**Speak with  
SKYLYNN BRIMMER  
at the Annual Meeting  
about a new 4-H SPIN Club  
opportunity!**

TEL: 231-286-0996

[skylynnbrimmer@gmail.com](mailto:skylynnbrimmer@gmail.com)



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR  
FINANCIAL EDUCATION

## Michigan State University AgBioResearch & Extension Partner to Sharpen Their Focus in Meeting Community Needs

Michigan State University (MSU) would like your assistance in identifying important issues and opportunities within your local community. Information provided in this survey will be used to help guide and shape the research and educational programs of [MSU AgBioResearch](#) (formerly the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station) and [MSU Extension](#) over the next five years. These organizations provide various opportunities for residents, businesses and communities within Michigan.

Your participation is voluntary and responses will be kept confidential. The survey will take 15 to 20 minutes. Upon completion you will have the option of entering a drawing for two tickets to an MSU men's basketball game, a basket of Michigan-made products, or a gift certificate to [shop.msu.edu](http://shop.msu.edu). Your name and/or email will not be associated with your answers. Any questions about this process or survey should be directed to Bruce E. Haas, Ph.D., Reporting Coordinator, at [haasb@msu.edu](mailto:haasb@msu.edu).

Please go to the following link to give your input. (just copy and paste into your browser).

[https://msue.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1XDET540z1r6CHP](https://msue.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XDET540z1r6CHP)





**Melissa Elischer**  
Extension Educator  
517-432-4306  
elischer@msu.edu

**Taylor Fabus**  
Equine Instructor  
517-353-1748  
tenlenta@msu.edu

**Carla McLachlan**  
Events Manager  
517-432-5402  
MCLACHL2@msu.edu

**Katie Ockert**  
Extension Educator  
517-432-5270  
ockertka@anr.msu.edu

**Julie Thelen**  
Extension Educator  
517-432-1626  
thelenju@anr.msu.edu

**Karen Waite**  
Equine Specialist  
517-432-0383  
kwaite@msu.edu



## Animal Science Youth Extension Office 2015 - 2016 Calendar of Events

**MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY** | Extension

This calendar is compiled by the Animal Science Youth Extension Office and includes events that are sponsored by this office as well as additional dates that may be of interest. Please feel free to contact your County Extension Office, the staff person listed with each event for additional information or check our website.  
[http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth\\_extension\\_programs/youth\\_events](http://www.ans.msu.edu/youth_extension_programs/youth_events)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>For Additional Information:</u>
October 10	Fall Galaxy Meeting – 4H Horse Program Committee	Anthony Hall, MSU	T. Fabus
October 15-18	Great Lakes Draft Horse Show	MSU Pavilion, E. Lansing	<a href="http://www.ans.msu.edu/facilities/pavilion">http://www.ans.msu.edu/facilities/pavilion</a>
October 24-25	4-H Proud Equestrian Program Instructor Update	Cheff/KBS	K. Waite
November 15	MSU Horseman's Association Horse Show	MSU Pavilion	K. Waite
December 11-13	MJLS Winter Classic Beef Show	MSU Pavilion	<a href="http://mjlrlivestocksociety.com/">http://mjlrlivestocksociety.com/</a>
January 8-10	MI Sheep Breeders Convention	Lansing	<a href="http://www.misheep.org">http://www.misheep.org</a>
January 8-10	MI 4-H Horse Judges & Show Superintendents Conference	Kettunen Center	K. Waite
January 30	State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show	MSU Pavilion	K. Ockert
January 29-31	Green & White Youth Event and Open Hog Show	MSU Pavilion	C. McLachlan
February 5	Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program – Great Lakes Dairy Conference	Soaring Eagle Casino, Mt. Pleasant	M. Elischer
Feb 5-6	4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest	MSU Pavilion	T. Fabus
Feb 6	MQHA Tack sale	MSU Pavilion	T. Fabus
February 19-21	MSU Spartan Stampede Rodeo	MSU Pavilion	C. McLachlan
February 19-20	4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop	Kettunen Center	J. Thelen
Feb 20-21	4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Leaders Workshop	Kettunen Center	J. Thelen
February 26-28	Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop	Kettunen Center	T. Fabus
March 5-13	Ag and Natural Resources Week	MSU	C. McLachlan
March 5	Spring Galaxy 4-H Horse Program Committee	MSU, Anthony Hall	T. Fabus
March 11-13	MI Horse Expo	MSU Pavilion	<a href="http://www.michiganhorsecouncil.com">www.michiganhorsecouncil.com</a>
March 11-13	4-H Dairy Conference	Beechpoint Camp, Allegan	M. Elischer
March 10	4-H Hairy Horse Benefit Show	MSU Pavilion	T. Fabus
March 16	Pattern O Rama – Warm Up Horse Show	MSU Pavilion	T. Fabus
April 1-3	Michigan Beef Expo	MSU Pavilion	



**Melissa Elischer**  
 Extension Educator  
 517-432-4306  
 elischer@msu.edu

**Taylor Fabus**  
 Equine Instructor  
 517-353-1748  
 tenlenta@msu.edu

**Carla McLachlan**  
 Events Manager  
 517-432-5402  
 MCLACHL2@msu.edu

**Katie Ockert**  
 Extension Educator  
 517-432-5270  
 ockertka@anr.msu.edu

**Julie Thelen**  
 Extension Educator  
 517-432-1626  
 thelenju@anr.msu.edu

**Karen Waite**  
 Equine Specialist  
 517-432-0383  
 kwaite@msu.edu

April 22	State 4-H Horse Communications Contest	Anthony Hall, MSU	T. Fabus
April 23	4-H Equine Educational Contest & FFA Horse Judging	MSU	T. Fabus
April 23	Small Animals Day	MSU Pavilion	C. McLachlan
April 22	State FFA Ag Skills Contests	MSU, Various locations	D. Wyrick – 517-432-0756
April 23	State 4-H Goat Expo	MSU, Anthony Hall	K. Ockert
May 21	State 4H Poultry show	Eaton County Fairgrounds	K. Ockert
June 3-5	Companion Animal Spring Camp	Camp Tuhsmeheeta Greenville, MI	K. Ockert
June 11	4-H Rabbit and Cavy Expo	MSU, Anthony Hall	K. Ockert
June 10-13	MI Jr Beef Show and Beef Showcase	MSU Pavilion	C. McLachlan
June 11-12	MI Jr Sheep Spectacular & B&B Club Lamb Show	MSU Pavilion	C. McLachlan
June 15-16	MMPA Dairy Tour	Novi, MI	M. Elischer
June 17-19	MI Spartan Classic Jr Swine Show	MSU Pavilion	C. McLachlan
June 22-24	4-H Exploration Days	MSU	K. Ockert, J. Thelen, M. Elischer, T. Fabus
June TBD	State 4-H Trail Ride	Whiskey Creek Campground	T. Fabus
June 25	State 4-H Goat Show	MSU Pavilion	K. Ockert
June 27-July 1	4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp	MSU	J. Thelen
July 14	State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest	MSU Pavilion	J. Thelen
July 14-17	Michigan Livestock Expo	MSU Pavilion	
July 18-22	MI Dairy Expo and 4-H Dairy Days	MSU Pavilion	M. Elischer
July 22	State 4-H/FFA Meats Judging Contest	MSU, Anthony Hall	J. Thelen
August 13	State 4-H Dog Show	MSU Pavilion	K. Ockert
August 19-21	State 4-H Horse Show	MSU Pavilion	T. Fabus
August TBD	State 4-H Miniature Horse Show	MSU Pavilion, South Barn	K. Waite